THE CHURCH OF THE DIVINE LOVE

**JUNE 2016** 

# LOVE NOTES

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### SUNDAYS

10:00 AM – Sunday School- June 5th last day of classes. Certificates to be given out June 12th at picnic

10:15AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II, with music, nursery, coffee hour and Healing prayer on 3rd Sunday

June 5th Morning prayer ONLY, June 12th service held @ Kolping Society

9:00 AM – Summer services start June 19<sup>th</sup> until September

Tuesdays 9:15-11:30 AM Women's Bible Study

#### OTHER PROGRAMS

Sunset Nursery School – Mon-Fri, 9AM-3PM (914-737-1818 for info)

Alcoholics Anonymous –Mon & Thurs at 8PM

Carriage House Thrift Shoppe – Thurs & Sat from 10AM-2PM

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

June 5th Last day of Sunday School

June 12th Picnic @ Kolping Society

June 15th Sunset Nursery School Graduation

# **Prayer & Fellowship Suppers in June!!**

Bring yourself and your friends. People of all ages and faiths are welcome!

Tuesdays: June 7, 14, 21 & 28 Church of The Divine Love (Nursery School Hall) Time: 7:00 pm

Evening Prayer followed by fellowship supper to take some time to get to know each other, catch up and have some fun!!

If you would like more information please email or call Mother Ajung at ajunglasojwal@gmail.com or 917-533-2959.

Please RSVP to the church office by the Friday prior (June 3, 10,17 or 24<sup>th</sup>) so that proper planning for supper can be done:

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Come join us for Worship in the Park followed by a BBQ Picnic, Swimming in the pool & Fun!

Date: Sunday, June 12, 2016

Venue: Kolping-on-Hudson

95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY

Worship time: 10:15 am BBQ Picnic time: 11:45 am
Suggested donation: \$10 per adult/ \$20 per family

SWIMMING AVAILABLE: \$5 per child; \$7 per adult

Organized by: The Church of the Divine Love

80 Sunset Rd. Montrose, NY 10548

RSVP: by June 5<sup>th</sup> to

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All are Welcome to Attend with RSVP!

My dear sisters and brothers,

In Mark 4:30-32, Jesus tells us this parable: "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

As we prepare for the longer days of summer and maybe for many of us a time of much needed rest and relaxation, I want you all to think of the shrub that Jesus spoke of. A shrub is not necessarily an admired or sought after plant. Often shrubs are planted mostly as boundary markers and they are found mostly in the wild. The seeds of the shrub that Jesus spoke of would have been quiet a nuisance to farmers who cultivated food crops during his time. But, Jesus picks up this wild, unwelcome, tiny seed as the metaphor for the Kingdom of God.

You and I are the mustard seed! you and I are the tiny shrub seeds that maybe food crop farmers despise: yet, Jesus chooses the most unlikely plant to be the one to represent the Kingdom of God. This is what it means to be in the center of God's passionate love for us that He will gather the marginalized, the despised and the unimpressive and make them the shade where the birds of the air can make nests and find shelter.

So, as you take your walks and stand under the towering trees, look for the shrubs that Jesus saw and embraced.

In Christ, Ajung Sojwal

## Hello from Sunset Nursery School!

Time flies when you are having fun! I can't believe we are nearing the end of another year. This is a bitter sweet time for us. We are excited for the children moving on to kindergarten, however, we are saddened by the fact that they won't be here next year. We've built strong relationships and will miss them greatly. Each day we've shared stories and hugs and accomplishments. We've worked together with their parents to nurture them and teach them the skills they need to succeed both in school and in the world, itself. We watched them grow physically, socially, academically and emotionally and now the time has come to let them fly. We love them, they are a part of our life, and we will never forget them.

Each one will take with them their journal as a keepsake that will give them a snapshot of their early childhood experience. Someday, we hope, they will look back at this book and remember their first friends and teachers. They will also take with them knowledge, skills and experiences and use them to make our world a better place, because they are the future. Who knows what they will grow up to be! Each day we see them dress up like policemen, firemen, chefs, fashion designers, doctors, teachers, train conductors, musicians, builders, architects, artists, dancers, singers and even scientists. We always tell them, you can grow up to be anything you want! Who knows what they will choose to do, however, one thing we know is that they are Christians. They are leaving with a very strong Christian foundation. We are so proud to be a Christian school and we are so proud to help instill the Christian faith in their lives. One of my favorite songs is "They'll know we are Christians by our Love". They are filled with love. Love for God, for their families, for their friends and for their world, their eyes sparkle with love. With this "light" inside of them, they are sure to make a difference. We wish the graduating class of 2016 he best of luck in Kindergarten.

All of the children have come into our school and into our hearts. They've made us laugh and brightened our days. It is so fulfilling to see a child transform into a confident independent being. We are blessed to be a part of their lives and we are thankful their parents allow us to share our days with them. We relish in each and every accomplishment and realize the importance of each and every one. They are unique and special individuals – always value them for who they are and encourage their differences to shine!

God bless you all and have a wonderful and safe summer.

Melissa Wassil, Director

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## Calling all Volunteers!!!! Adult & Youth!!!

We will be hosting a VBS type program in the month of August and are looking for volunteers now! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jess Berbeck @ (914)584-2947 or email atarisgem618@optonline.net